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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 8521

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PERP, PDIP, CG, AO
SUBJECT: ZAIRE/ANGOLA: FURTHER STEPS TOWARDS NORMALIZATION OF
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RELATIONS

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1. TWO DAYS AFTER THE ZAIRIAN DELEGATION LED BY GENERAL
KIKUNDA RETURNED FROM LUANDA (REFTEL), A NEW DELEGATION LED
THIS TIME BY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT NIMY

WENT TO THE ANGOLAN CAPITAL. NIMY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE JUST-NAMED ZAIRIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, MUDINDI DIDI KILENGA. NIMY AND MUDINDI WERE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT NETO, TO WHOM THEY DELIVERED A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MOBUTU. NIMY RETURNED TO KINSHASA THE SAME DAY, AUGUST 4. THE ZAIRIAN MEDIA, WHICH HAS CONTINUED TO GIVE POSITIVE TREATMENT TO EVERY NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE, USED THE NIMY VISIT TO COMMENT ONCE AGAIN THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE PROGRESSING STEADILY TOWARDS NORMALIZING THEIR RELATIONS FOR THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD OF THEIR TWO PEOPLES.

2. THE ZAIRIAN NEWSPAPER "ELIMA" ON AUGUST 5 IMPLIED THAT MUDINDI IS NOW RESIDENT IN LUANDA. IT ALSO NOTED THAT THE FIRST ANGOLAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IS EXPECTED IN KINSHASA SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK BEGINNING AUGUST 6. ALTHOUGH AZAP ON AUGUST 7 REFERS TO EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS AS ACCOMPLISHED FACT, SUCH AN EXCHANGE HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED SPECIFICALLY BY GOZ.

3. MUDINDI, 31 YEARS OLD, WAS PREVIOUSLY COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN BRAZZAVILLE. HE IS MARRIED AND FATHER OF TWO. NO FURTHER BIO DATA AVAILABLE HERE.

4. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT NETO TOLD GENERAL KIKUNDA THAT HE WISHES TO HAVE A NEW MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU. NIMY MAY HAVE CARRIED MOBUTU'S REPLY TO THIS SUGGESTION.
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